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Dear Sir or Madam:

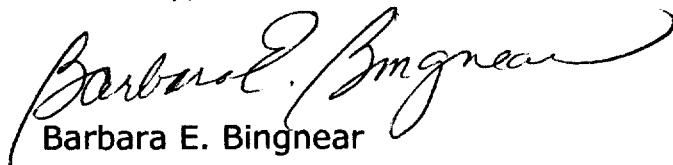
It has come to my attention that the US Egg Industry force molts millions of hens to manipulate egg production. The cruelty of this practice is shocking. Even more shocking is that it has been proven force molting leads to contaminated eggs that have caused many illnesses and deaths.

I believe that the Food and Drug Administration must do more than put bacteria warning labels on egg cartons and regulate egg refrigeration temperatures. This will not solve this problem. What will solve the problem is prohibiting the practice of forced molting.

The Food and Drug Administration has jurisdiction to ban farm practices that injure human health. Forced molting has been scientifically shown to promote disease. How many people must die before you will use your power correct this hideous problem?

The FDA was petitioned in April 1998 to ban forced molting. This petition should be granted without further delay.

Sincerely,

  
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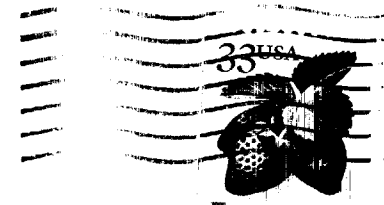
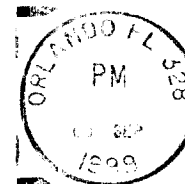
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